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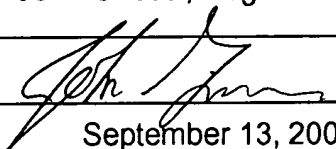
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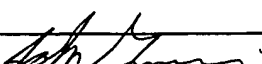
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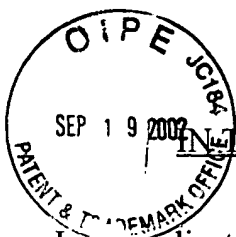
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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 13, 2002, please enter the following amendments in the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 1, and add dependent claims 11 and 12. A clean version of claims 1, 11 and 12 are provided on the following pages, and a copy of amended claim 1 with markings to show changes are appended to this Amendment.

No new matter is added by the amendments. For the Examiner's convenience, Applicant notes the disclosure on page 6 in the paragraph starting on line 13.

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